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R 0709430Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9215

CINCPAC HONOLULU

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 16250

CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD

FOL TEL RECD FM SONGKHLA RPTD FOR UR INFO:

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R 060430Z AUG 75

FM AMCONSUL SONGKHLA

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

C O N F I D E N T I A L SONGKHLA 130

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR SEDU TH XF

SUBJ: ARAB AID FOR SOUTH THAILAND

REF: SONGKHLA 125

1. 500 MUSLIM TEACHERS FROM 5 SOUTHERN PROVINCES GATHERED  
LAST WEEK TO DEMAND ALTERNATIVE TO RTG SCHEME FOR ARAB AID  
MONEY TO BE PROVIDED TO UNIVERSITY AT PATTANI (REFTEL). RTG  
PLAN TO ADD ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM TO EXISTING PATTANI UNIVER-  
SITY AND IMPROVE MUSLIM VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. MUSLIM TEACHERS AND  
IMAMS REFUSED.

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2. THAI MUSLIMS' COUNTER OFFER IS TO KEEP RTG AWAY FROM FUNDS

COMPLETELY:

A. BUILD COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS NEW COLLEGE TEACHING ONLY  
ARABIC AND ISLAMIC STUDIES;

B. USE MONEY TO BUY LAND FROM THAI AND CHINESE IN SOUTH  
THAILAND, START NEW RUBBER PLANTATIONS AND RICE  
FIELDS TO GENERATE INCOME FOR LOCAL MUSLIM SCHOOLS  
AND TO DONATE FUNDS TO POOR AT RAMADAN EACH YEAR;

C. PROVIDE MORE TEACHERS AND IMPROVE QUALITY OF MUSLIM  
SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN THAILAND'S 5 SOUTHERN PROVINCES.

3. DEMANDS SEEMED STRONG AND NOT SUBJECT TO MUCH NEGOTIATION.  
SEVERAL RELIGIOUS LEADERS WHO REGULARLY RECEIVE CAIRO NEWSPAPER  
AL-AHARAM CLAIM COLUMNS THERE RECENTLY SAID MONEY WILL GO  
DIRECTLY TO THAI MUSLIMS AND NOT AT DISPOSAL OF RTG.

COMMENT: SINCE RTG CONTROLS EDUCATION SYSTEM, DIFFICULT TO  
SEE HOW IT WILL PERMIT AUTONOMOUS NEW PROGRAM IN TROUBLED  
SOUTH. POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT IS SERIOUS, HOWEVER, IF RTG  
PROHIBITS AID TO UNDERDEVELOPED AREA OF COUNTRY AND ITS  
POORER ETHNIC MINORITY. MUSLIM COUNTER-PROGRAM IMPRESSIVELY  
REFLECTS COMMUNITY'S DESIRE TO MAINTAIN SEPARATE IDENTITY.  
LAND REFORM AND RELIGIOUS ISSUES DESTINED TO REACH SYMPATHETIC  
EARS BOTH INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OF COMMUNITY WITH MORE SOPHISTI-  
CATED RATIONALE THAN VAGUE AND VENAL ALTERNATIVE USUALLY OFFERED  
BY SEPARATIST/BANDITS HERE.  
CASTRODALE UNQUOTE  
WHITEHOUSE

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